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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6560

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, UR, NG

SUBJ: SOVIET GRAIN SHIPMENTS TO SAHEL

1. SOVIET CARGO VESSEL MAKSIM LETVINO ARRIVED COTONOU 12 SEPT TO DISCHARGE 2500 MT LOW-QUALITY RICE DESTINED FOR NIGER FAMINE RELIEF. SHIP'S ARRIVAL WAS SURPRISE TO MOST RELIEF AGENCIES HERE -- ONLY SOCOPAO, TRANSIT AGENT TOLD OF SHIP'S ARRIVAL, AND EVEN THEY WERE GIVEN ONLY TWO WEEKS' NOTICE. CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT SIGNED IN NIAMEY EIGHT DAYS PRIOR TO SHIP'S ARRIVAL, AND COVERS THIS SHIPMENT ONLY. SHIP REPORTED ALSO TO HAVE SIMILAR CARGOES DESTINED FOR CHAD AND GAMBIA/SENEGAL.

2. SOVIETS HAVE PREVIOUSLY OPERATED IN SAME LAST MINUTE SURPRISE MANNER. MOST RECENT INCIDENT OF THIS SORT OCCURRED ABOUT 1 YEAR AGO.
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